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## Expense Increase Under Coolidge \$470,886,681

Coolidge Falls Miserably in His Only Issue—  
Economy—Which Served as an Excuse to  
Prevent Constructive Legislation

Nearly a half billion yearly increase in governmental expenses in the cost of people must pay for Coolidge economy.

After denying help to every kind of useful and constructive project; after preventing the passage during the session of such great measures of public benefit as the Boulder Canyon project; after enforcing the most rigid economy in everything not liked by the Wall Street plutocracy, Calvin Coolidge, whose sole claim for popular support was economy, has increased the cost of government nearly a half billion dollars, raising the total cost of running the government from \$2,935,490,773 for the fiscal year 1925 to \$4,406,377,454 for the fiscal year 1926.

According to the official report from Washington, which is made to look as favorable as possible.

The legislative branch of the government expended about \$2,000,000 more last year than the year before, the total increasing from \$13,855,664 to \$15,855,664.

Expenditures of the executive department went up from \$411,898 to \$428,500; the state department from \$2,054,408 to \$2,621,345; the treasury department from \$128,232,421 to \$130,723,723; the justice department from \$23,485,728 to \$23,774,129; the commerce department from \$25,732,461 to \$29,152,015; the veterans' bureau from \$384,715,796 to \$404,692,135; independent agencies from \$27,682,657 to \$29,692,256; and the District of Columbia from \$32,713,000 to \$34,410,707.

Departments which showed decreases included the war department, whose expenditures fell from \$361,857,000 to \$355,072,225; the navy department from \$346,142,001 to \$312,743,000; the interior department from \$312,743,000 to \$312,743,000.

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## British Miner's "Living" Wage

The following is from the London Labor Press Service:

The average cost, during the past year, of maintaining one person in a Poor Law institution was 27s. 1½d. a week.

But a miner, with a wife and three children to maintain, only gets, when in full work, an average for the maintenance of each member of the family of 10s. a week.

## British Rulers War on Children of Coal Miners

Sabotage Source of Strike Relief  
—Help Sorely Needed from  
All Over the World

London.—The British coal strike has entered into the stark starvation phase. Following the passage of the longer workday law for the miners which greatly increased their resistance to the ruling class and their government has settled down to the grim task of starving the miners into submission to their outrageous and impossible terms.

This struggle has already taken on very cruel and inhuman aspects. Attempts are being made to sabotage the miners' relief funds and strike the source of subsistence of the miners, their wives and their little children a deadly blow.

This has taken the shape of a carefully planned campaign which aims at creating the impression in the public mind that relief funds are not necessary because there is no privation or hardship among the women and children of the mining townships.

"The worst example of this campaign," says the Labor Press Service of London, "is the long report published in the London Times giving the result of an inquiry which the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is stated to have made in the mining areas."

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The British coal strike has a particular interest for Socialists. It is not only a fight against impossible economic conditions caused by the breakdown of the industry under capitalism, but it is a direct industrial and political fight for the Socialization of this great basic industry in England. If the miners can hold out long enough to force the arrogant British ruling class and government to reasonable terms, THE MINING INDUSTRY OF GREAT BRITAIN WILL BE SOCIALIZED OR PARTLY SOCIALIZED. ANOTHER WEDGE WILL HAVE BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

## Chinese Crush Dictators in 2 Big Battles

Dailies Suppress News of Event  
Except in Obscure Comment  
in Editorial

Evidence has accumulated indicating that the Kuomintang and Kuomintang forces in China, strongly tinged with Socialism and closely allied with Soviet Russia, have won two tremendous victories over their enemies of the militarists and their international capitalist backers and that the news has been carefully suppressed in one of the greatest conspiracies of alliance in recent years.

With great blare of headlines the capitalist papers have been informing the world of the successive stages of a great military enterprise in China—the uniting of the two deadly militarist enemies of democracy and Socialism in China, Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu, for a final onslaught on the Kuomintang and Kuomintang calculated to wipe out Socialism and communism in China forever.

The various stages of this carefully planned enterprise were gleefully recounted day by day. Chang Tso Lin, backed by the Japanese government, and Wu Pei Fu, backed by the British government, were to attack with their powerfully armed and large armies the People's armies near Peking in North China and near Canton in South China.

No news about this big and promising adventure, from a capitalist viewpoint, was omitted up until on July 11, when the following dispatch appeared:

Peking, July 10.—(A. P.)—A general attack of the "allied" forces of Marshal Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin on the Kuomintang. National army, has been launched near here. Severe fighting is in progress and the sound of gunfire is audible in Peking.

In vain the editor of the American Appeal searched the daily newspapers the next day and the next and the next following for news of the outcome of this battle, which might change the entire balance of power in the class struggle throughout the world.

Previously, the editor of the American Appeal had noted in the London Daily Herald, a Labor and Socialist paper, that Wu Pei Fu had been assigned the job of attacking the Kuomintang Cantonese armies.

Finally, on July 14, the editor discovered for the first time an obscure and concealed allusion to the fact that the two battles had been fought with disastrous results to the militarists and capitalists.

Not in a news item, but tucked away in an editorial in the Chicago Tribune was this tardy and obscure admission that the armies of democracy and Socialism in China had dealt imperialism a double blow that may well prove fatal.

In the last paragraph of a rambling Tribune editorial under the title of "Soviet Intrigue in China" was the following statement:

"But the latest news reports a defeat of Wu Pei Fu's forces by Cantonese troops and Chang Tso Lin's by the Chinese general's former army northwest of Peking. This may prelude another turn of the Chinese political kaleidoscope and a restoration of the Russian party at Peking. The set of currents in China is delusive."

Significantly enough, the lengthy part of the editorial before this final paragraph is in the nature of a let-down.

Finally on July 18 comes this tardy news dispatch from the seat of war: Shanghai, July 17.—The most serious attempt by the Canton Kuomintang (communist) party to invade north China since the days of Sun Yat-sen now is progressing, according to reports from central and south China telling of the capture of Changsha, the capital of Hunan province, by southern forces, and the retreat of the northern forces to the town of Yehow on the Hupeh provincial border south of Hankow.

The Canton reports say Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, the so-called red militarist, had an army of 50,000 men advancing northward into Hunan province with Hankow as its objective. Mankow is Marshal Wu Pei-fu's central China base and source of wealth. He has

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Help for the striking British miners is direct aid to the coming of Socialism.

Send your contributions directly to the Socialist Party, 2633 Washington boulevard, Chicago, which has made arrangements to handle them.

## The Broadcaster

The world is getting better, in that it is getting nearer to Socialism.

The franc cannot get on its feet so long as international bankers are sitting down on it.

When the "saturation point" is reached, and the people have no more credit, what will business do then?

If only the silent and disgusted voters would vote for Socialism, the work would be done.

After five years of helping everybody but the farmer and worker, the candidate is now trying to square himself with promises.

The Republican party always was just as sectional as it is now—which means as sectional as the Democratic party is and was.

On Liberty Bell Pennsylvania is spelled with one "n." Perhaps the makers were economical, like Coolidge.

The average span of human life might be doubled if the profit system did not work half the people to death and worry the rest to death.

All the newspapers are boosting the air mail, because it is a private, profit making industry; and it cannot make profits because it charges so much it kills the enterprise.

Don't be alarmed. The big trading in stocks shows that the people have already been skinned alive, and the skinners now have to resort to skinning each other.

One cannot help wondering if the celebration of independence at Philadelphia has anything to do with the three million dollar contribution to campaign funds in Pennsylvania.

If plutocracy continues to rule, it will demand a dictator here as in Italy. A dictator is just a brute who twists the screws on the people in defiance of law.

American profit takers say that English profit takers are very reprehensible, which is one time American profiteers tell the truth. But what about their own profit taking?

Ford is a good man. He "made" a billion dollars of the American people within ten years. Jesus was not so good, because he lived 33 years and never "made" a penny.

The building boom has burst; but taxes keep up and the worker must still pay principal and interest on the home he bought at inflated prices.

## And They Say It Can't Be Done

(From the London Daily Herald) Municipal Socialism in Birmingham continues to pay, and at the same time is helping to keep down the rates.

Annual reports of Birmingham Corporation trading departments, presented to the City Council show that the gas department had a surplus of £6,397 on last year's working. £41,206 of which is to be contributed to the relief of the rates. The gas sold during the year exceeded 13,389,000 cubic feet, which beats all previous records by over 730,000,000 feet.

The electric supply department has also had a most successful year. After providing for all capital charges (including £202,455 for redemption of debt) there remains a surplus of £184,911 on the year's working, as compared with last year's surplus of £99,370. £133,011 of the surplus is being put to the renewal account, and £51,900 to the relief of rates.

The revenue of this department last year was £1,323,831, an increase of £141,209 over the previous year. The increased revenue represents 16 per cent more business, but, in spite of this increase, the working expenses show a decrease of £9,318. It has also been possible to reduce the average price for all classes of supply 3½ per cent.

The tramways departments will report a net revenue of £259,067, after paying working expenses and sinking fund charges. This is an increase of £875 over the previous year. £219,067 is being put to renewals and special expenditure account, and £40,000 to the relief of rates.

The total number of passengers carried was 286,929,583, an increase of nearly 11,000,000 on any previous year. Birmingham also claims to have the largest Corporation allotment site in England. The area under the control of the Allotments Committee comprises 1,200 acres, bringing in a rental of £7,000 a year from 16,000 holders.

## Combine About to Grab U. S. Merchant Fleet

### Labor Wins Fight for Own Radio

Hoover Retreats When He  
Finds He Has No  
Legal Power

Chicago.—The baptism of WCFB, the Chicago Federation of Labor's broadcasting station, took place officially in a 2-hour period between 3 and 5 a. m. Sunday, July 11. The department of commerce representatives found everything satisfactory mechanically and otherwise and the station will probably begin broadcasting regularly in the next week.

The test program was entirely musical and went off in excellent order, being audible throughout about the same range as the other Chicago stations and in equal volume.

The ordinary range will be limited to a zone about halfway to New York so as not to interfere with WEAF, the American Telephone & Telegraph station in New York, whose wave length of 491.5 meters Chicago labor has appropriated. The daily broadcasting period on 491.5 meters by WCFB will be from noon to midnight, says Larry Leish, the federation's radio engineer, who built the station.

The building of the station and the procuring of a federal license came in spite of blustering and threats by the department of commerce that no wave lengths would be available and that broadcasting without a license would be met by repressive measures.

The station is financed by Chicago unions affiliated with the federation and by \$10,000 donated by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, an unaffiliated union. The enthusiasm of the unions was greatly stimulated when it became known that the Kansas City Employers' Assn. and other bodies were trying to stir up opposition to labor's going on the air. The Kansas City attack was featured by The Federation News, Chicago labor's organ, and resulted in far larger appropriations from the unions than had been hoped for.

Sen. Hoover's opposition also stiffened the resolution of labor to participate in the propaganda possibilities of radio, hitherto monopolized by the capitalists.

The change of front on the part of Hoover came after Attorney General Sargent rendered an opinion that the department of commerce did not possess any legal control over the radio.

## U. S. Money Kings Prepare to Own Europe

Use Threats to Force America  
to Guarantee Banking  
System Here

By Laurence Todd

Washington.—(F. P.)—Vellied threats that the super-banks of the country would lay the whip upon congress next winter to renew indefinitely the charters of the 13 federal reserve banks, which still have 8 years to run, were made in a speech at Asheville, N. C. July 6, by Oscar Wells, president American Bankers' Association, to the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Lobbyists for the biggest banking groups in New York have urged, as Wells now urges, that chaos may result in the financial and industrial world unless the permanence of these charters is soon determined. While nobody would think of demanding that congress insure, eight years before a wage agreement expires, the continuance of the standard of living of the workers involved, the bankers assume that the public will support the money demand for that sort of governmental guaranty.

"The extension of these charters," Wells told the southern newspaper publishers, "is a matter of grave concern not only to the banks but to the commercial and producing interests of the country."

"Business chaos would ensue if there should arise in the public mind the probable necessity of adjusting trade and commerce to any new order of things not including the continuance of the federal reserve bank."

Wells took pains to explain to the publishers that the federal reserve banks are private, not governmental, concerns, in which the funds are private funds.

### Corporations to Fingerprint Men to Break Strikes

The following item is from the Brooklyn Eagle of July 17, 1926:

Fingerprinting for civilians is the new business which Deputy Police Commissioner Faurt resigns to take up. Sooner or later the Interborough and other like corporations will have fingerprints of all employees. Thereafter blacklisting will be easy and strikes will be materially discouraged.

## Industrial Fight Widens in New York

Interborough Sues Employees for  
Striking—Will Institute  
Fingerprinting

New York and the vicinity has become the center of the struggle between capital and labor in America. In this region nearly 68,000 workers are striking, or are locked out.

The 10,000 cleaners and dyers have been locked out by the employers' association to attempt enforcement of a 20 per cent wage reduction. Adding to the 40,000 cloakmakers, 2,000 capemakers, 800 subway strikers, and 15,000 or more wool textile workers in Passaic, N. J., the grand total is about 68,000 workers fighting for the fundamental rights of organization as much as anything else.

The cleaners and dyers union had declared a strike in non-union shops, involving some 2,400 workers, when the employers' association blow fell—a direct challenge to unionism. The agreement ran to next February. The work is very hard, exhausting and dangerous to health because of the steam and poisonous dyeing and cleaning materials.

The event in this area of conflict that has roused the workers most recently is a suit instituted by the Interborough Transit Company asking for an injunction and \$239,000 damages against the former company union men who walked out. A successful suit of this kind jeopardizing the funds of all unions and making them responsible for any losses employers might experience as the result of strikes, is what drove British Labor into the labor party in self-defense.

The Interborough company has been savagely harsh and drastic since the company union men walked out. Not only has it declared all the men discharged, but it is taking steps to fingerprint employees in the future so that they can be effectively blacklisted and prevented from again obtaining employment should they do anything or think anything displeasing to the bosses.

Washington financial experts say privately that harsh pressure is likely next winter to hasten the renewal of these charters. Organized money, through Benjamin Strong, governor of the federal reserve bank in New York, is just on the threshold of a gigantic enterprise—the running of Europe. Strong is on the French Riviera taking daily walks with Montagu Norman of the Bank of England and discussing "saving" the French financial structure. William Phillips, American minister to Belgium, has joined them at Nice, according to a press report. The Belgian franc is following the downward slide of the French franc, due to the economic relations between the two countries.

The terms of the receivership which Strong, advised by his British friend, may negotiate with bankrupt France will presumably apply also to Belgium.

This prospective deal puts the federal reserve system into an imperialist field of operations that calls for a long-term dictatorship of the American money sources by Strong's group. Eight years, the advocates of money-empire believe, is too brief a period of security for themselves at home. They want 20, or 30 years, or even better, the indefinite charters which mean perpetual control—subject only to political upheaval at home.

### Coolidge Changes Shipping Board In Plan to Get Rid of the People's Property

The government-owned merchant marine, consisting of a vast number of ships built at great cost by the government during the war, is in imminent peril of passing into the hands of the shipping combine. The only bulwark between the American people and the extortionate power of the shipping trust is about to be removed through the actions of President Coolidge.

Orders have been issued to advertise for sale to private bidders all important lines still under public management, says Labor, Washington, D. C., official organ of the railway unions.

This is in accord with President Coolidge's avowed determination to end public ownership on the ocean, and "set the government out of the shipping business."

The more desirable of the government boats are to go to the International Mercantile Marine Co., controlled by the House of Morgan, but maintaining the most intimate relationship with British shipping interests.

### Under Foreign Control

Official records show that the International has a contract with the British Board of Trade not to do anything contrary to British shipping interests. About 90 per cent of the tonnage owned by the International carries foreign flags.

It will be seen, therefore, that there

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## Europe Will Imitate U. S. Labor Control

To Try Employee Ownership and  
Other Bait to Lure Labor  
Away from Socialism  
By Leland Olds

Federated Press.

Cooperation between labor and capital on the American model is appealing to capitalist leaders in England as an escape from socialism. Using the term to include everything from employee stockownership and company unionism to labor banks and B. & O. cooperation, they see it eliminating strikes and other obstacles to high-speed production.

"In the supreme business of bringing capital and labor into practical partnership," says Editor Garvin in The Observer (London), "America is acting while Europe is theorizing. There is no possibility of a solution in Europe except on the same basis. 'Employees' may be certain that without a systematic development of high wages and partnership on this side of the Atlantic, unwillingness, unrest, chronic hostility and recurrent strikes must continue to injure the interests of capital. Higher output for higher wages, an increasing partnership between capital and labor in counsel and profits—either we shall pursue these purposes with all our strength or the whole community will continue to pay the ruinous prices of our antagonism."

This echoes the declaration of President Wiley of the British Federation of Industries that the workers could no longer be expected to acquiesce "in the wisdom of management in which they have neither executive share nor confidence that their participation in prosperity is equitable."

Matthew Woll, in the Photo-Engravers' Journal, enlarges on this belief that such cooperation marks the road away from socialism. Expressing the A. F. of L. philosophy, he sees it as a trend toward a new kind of government that will place the modern industrial colossus under the rule of the people. He says:

"Organized labor of America believes that this philosophy will cast aside forever the chimera of communism, socialism and the burdensome laws of state regulation."

"If the philosophy of democracy does not work then there remains either a political domination of industry that can mean only repressed and painful industrial life, or a new autocracy of tightly merged groups ruling, exploiting and eventually ruling through sheer absorption of the life stuff of the people."

Whether the results of this philosophy of industrial development appear to the average worker tangible or not, it will probably loom large in the Anglo-Saxon world of industry.

## Navy Depot Explosions Preventable

Vast Explosives Put in Dense  
District Without Proper  
Lightning Protection

Washington, D. C.—The lightning flash that exploded the great naval munitions depot at Lake Denmark, N. J., lifted the lid from some very significant secrets.

First—The explosion revealed the fact that peaceful, liberty-loving, Christian America, which recently appropriated \$50,000 to send a disarmament delegation to the peace conference in Europe, has in all probability the greatest accumulation of deadly explosives for murdering human beings in the world.

The amount destroyed in the naval munitions depot at Lake Denmark alone was nearly \$100,000,000 worth, according to estimates of navy authorities. Near this incredible mountain of explosives was the huge army store, which for the most part are in contact. The explosion at the navy depot was perhaps the biggest munitions explosion in history.

Second—This vast amount of annihilating explosives was stored in the heart of a densely settled civilian town. Scores have been killed and scores of others blinded, crippled and maimed as a result of this criminal negligence.

Third—THE EXPLODING OF THIS MOUNTAIN BY LIGHTNING WAS PREVENTABLE. THE OFFICIALS WHO HAD CHARGE OF THE STORING OF THIS MOUNTAIN OF EXPLOSIVES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRIBLE DISASTER AND THE LOSS OF LIVES.

According to Fred R. Weiss, former instructor of electricity at Lewis Institute, the disaster would not have occurred had the lightning rods been properly installed or maintained.

"Lightning," he said, "will not enter a building protected by rods unless they are not properly put up or kept up. The rod must be grounded by a good soil and the ground wire must not be bent around a sharp corner. I know nothing of the rod conditions at the ammunition magazine but by my years of experience as a teacher of the theories of electricity I am convinced me that the disaster would not have occurred had the installation and maintenance of the lightning rods been properly attended







## The Appeal Question Box

Questions by Paul Jonscher, Clifton, N. J.

Will classes be abolished under Socialism?

Yes. By abolishing the cause of classes. The cause of classes is the private ownership of things the people in common depend upon for employment and a living. This produces a ruling class and a working class. Socialism will establish the democratic public ownership of these things, making all individuals both owners and workers in a free co-operative commonwealth.

Will a rich man of refinement and culture be compelled to work with the ignorant and low under Socialism?

Socialism is pure democracy where the majority will determine such little details of society for the best good of the community. No one can tell before-hand how the people will treat rich men and forms of private wealth that must be carried over from this system into the next. There will be no necessity for compulsion or force in the treatment of anybody. If a man possesses wealth acknowledged by the people as legitimate he will undoubtedly be allowed to spend it in any way not injurious to others. Ultimately private fortunes such as we see around us today will disappear. When they do the owners will be free to give useful service to the community, or engage in some individual occupation, or go hungry. He will not be forced by law to go to work or to work with persons he does not like. He will have a great big world before him in which to find his place.

Will the present money system of buying and selling be abolished?

The present money system is based upon the present crazy industrial system. It permits a few to control the life of nations. It is ruining the world. Undoubtedly it would not serve a truly democratic industrial system at all. The new system will undoubtedly have a new method of exchange. It is probable that the natural system of exchange under Socialism would be a system of labor cer-

tificates showing that the holder had performed useful work or sold a product of a certain unit value. If you worked a small farm or garden or were a private artisan, the public would give you these certificates for your products. If you worked in a large co-operative enterprise belonging to the community, the public would pay you these certificates to the full value of your service. When you wanted anything you could buy it with this medium of exchange as you buy the things you want today, with this difference—YOU WOULD NOT BE CHEATED OR GOUGED BY A MONEY BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE AND BASED UPON LABOR OR SERVICE.

Does the Socialist party approve of the prohibition dry law?

It does not, but it is just as much opposed to the saloons and breweries and all other forms of private trade in intoxicants. In its national convention in Pittsburgh this year the Socialist party declared for government manufacture, sale, and full control of liquors.

Would a Communist society differ from a Socialist society, and which is coming first, or not at all?

The Communist faction arose and broke away from the Socialists as a result of the Russian revolution. The Communists still claim the founders of Socialism, like Karl Marx, as their authorities. They have attempted no new philosophy or theory of the new system. They still call their ultimate ideal Socialism. The Russian Communists call Russia a Socialist republic. The fundamental differences between Socialists and Communists are in their respective attitudes toward democracy, social progress and the way to get Socialism. The Socialists seek to work with the democratic forces of the world to realize industrial democracy, the Communists condemn and seek to smash whatever calls itself democratic or liberal in the world today in order to force a revolution and a sudden change to the Socialist system.

Only 2 1/2 per cent of the purchase price was paid in cash, and the Dollar people were given the privilege of cutting the service of 17 round trips per year, and of diverting some of the vessels to other trade. Even then, no bond was required for the performance of the contract.

A great protest went up from the northern Pacific ports. Captain Crowley, as president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, made a strong argument against the consummation of the sale. He pointed out that the ships were in no sense a burden to the government, but were more than paying their way.

The discussion reached the floors of Congress.

**Ready to Make Profit**

Another circumstance worth noting is that the ships are now offered for sale just when they might be expected to begin making money. All shipping has had a hard time for some years back. Uncle Sam is not the only one who has lost money in the business. The International Mercantile Marine Co. has had deficits of more than \$3,000,000 in the last two years.

But the tide is turning. Canada's publicly owned fleet has made an operating profit this year. The Shipping Board said recently that the Leviathan would soon be on a paying basis.

**Young People's Department**

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**With the Circles**

Jersey City, N. J.—Reports reach us that the Jersey City circle is growing continuously. Four new members were received at the last meeting. The circle meets regularly each week. More than half of the members are Appal subscribers.

Muncie, Ind.—We feel safe at this writing in placing Muncie on our roll call of circles. A few weeks ago Comrade H. M. Bond began work of canvassing, and having found a considerable number of interested prospective Yipsies, has now arranged an organization meeting. Three cheers for Muncie!

Fitchburg, Mass.—The Fitchburg circle is now in its sixth week of a new practice adopted for offering the membership practice in public speaking. From a membership list arranged in alphabetical order is selected each week the speaker for the following meeting. The member is permitted to make the selection of the subject, and has one week to prepare it. The talks have been very interesting, and have produced the double result of having members participate in the meeting discussions, and finding speakers in the circle of whose presence others had not dreamed. It seems a good plan for any circle to give a trial.

Chicago—The Chicago Young People's Study Group has lately been making dire threats of following in the footsteps of the European Youth Movement. And now it has made the plunge. About 25 young people have rented a cottage, "The Retreat," on the beach, yet in the city, and are spending their weekends there bathing and discussing. The first week-end R. Jenkins spoke on the Youth Movement in America; the second, Irwin St. John Tucker explained the development of "Casteism" in Europe today. Sunday, July 18, Prof. Paul Douglas of the U. of C. discussed "The Living Wage." For further information call Miss Vrooman, Lincoln 1456.

National Office—Circles desiring Yipsey emblem jewelry are hereby informed that the office can now supply both the pins and buttons, in polished gold finish, in any quantities. The prices have been advanced by 10c each, due to increased price of manufacture.

Monthly reports for June were due on the 15th of June.

**International Year Book**

A few weeks ago a small item appeared in this column announcing the publication of the International Year Book by the International of Socialist Youth. We have just received the first shipment of these books. The supply is very limited, as we could not be sure of the demand, so we cannot guarantee filling all orders from the lot we now have, but will reserve copies from the next shipment for those not served at this time. All orders for the Year Book must be accompanied by proper remittance. The price of one copy is \$1.00.

It is worthy of particular note that this publication ranks as the first of its kind issued by the International of Socialist Youth, and nevertheless surpasses in size and completeness any year books formerly prepared by the affiliated national organizations. It is a carefully edited review of the past two years, with authentic reports from all affiliated organizations. The text is in the German language. The great number of photographic illustrations makes the book a veritable album of Youth activities throughout the International. The following is a list of various countries represented: Belgium, Bulgaria, Danzig (free state), Denmark, Germany, Austria, Holland, Finland, France, Great Britain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Lithuania, United States, Norway, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Spain, Hungary, Latvia.

We strongly recommend the book as a valuable reference addition to any Yipsey library.

## The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER

"A great change has come over business in the last few years," remarked the Local Magnate as he leaned upon the Standard Serf, while heaving the tank of his car filled at the service station, and his other tank from a neighboring drug store.

"In what way?" asked Joe Innocent.

"Oh, cut-throat competition is dead. The Golden Rule has taken its place in business, and people in the same line, instead of being enemies, as in the old days, are likely to play a friendly game of golf together."

"You talk as sanctimonious," remarked Joe, "as a preacher about to ask the Divine blessing upon an army as it goes to battle. I have noticed that the more old timers get together, the higher go the prices of commodities. I wonder if their religion has in it any element of conspiracy against the public, their customers."

"You are illiberal, you are unjust," remarked the Local Magnate, growing red in the face, yet trying to display the Right Spirit toward an erring brother. "Don't you believe in the sincerity of anyone?"

"Sure thing," Joe returned. "The boy who said two and two are five was doubtless sincere. But he didn't solve the problem. Neither do you in stopping competition among yourselves, because that puts the extra burden on others."

The Local Magnate finished his cold drink. "Joe, you always were a kicker. But," he added, benevolently, as he stepped on the gas, "I forgive you."

You work for your wife and children two days in the week and for the other man's wife and children four days in the week.

**Jolts and Jabs**

That which we strive the most for has least value. In jolts in riches. Joy is cheap. And loneliness, and truth, and most good things.

It is going to rain. Wait and see.

A lot of solid men are solid boys.

A little heart may embrace the universe.

Some headlines tell a story; others, a lie.

The event not recorded may be the beginning of an era.

When the pot is boiling it is hard to tell which bubble will next come to the top.

Sometimes every good man wishes he could dress as well and be as popular as the professional idler is.

Wise is the man who can take an interest in the troubles of others without letting them trouble him.

People have the highest opinion of the man who says the least about being abused.

Everybody either accuses or excuses the nation. The fact is, its importance is greatly exaggerated.

More than half the things the self-appointed leaders of the people want to put across would be better if not adopted.

Where is great wealth and much poverty you need no further proof of misgovernment.

Most scientists are jokes whose fun is so complex the people are afraid to laugh.

It requires a good deal of laziness to make a man really successful. The golf tee is a human heart.

**The Two Dogs—A Fable.**

The Under Dog and the Lucky Dog got into trouble together and were taken to the pound.

"What is the charge?" asked his honor, the Bull.

"Well," responded the Cop, "this disreputable Whelp is not wearing a muzzle."

And the other one—is he wearing a muzzle?"

The Cop looked astonished, and his honor resumed.

"Oh, I don't know. Go, buy him a steak."

The Lucky Dog wagged his tail, and the Under Dog was led away to his execution.

## With the Workers Around the World

France

The fascists of France recently held a meeting in which sentiments in favor of a revolution were expressed by many delegates. Leaders described their movement as a "revolt of the nation against the parliamentary state."

Observers noted that the gathering could be gathered roughly into groups, all of them fearful of the growing power of labor—middle class war veterans, industrialists and big employers, and representatives of the "upper classes" of the small towns and villages.

Jews, Christians, and Mohammedans were among the 700 delegates, and 12,000 unofficial spectators who flocked to Rheims. Delegates were even sent from the French-controlled provinces of Northern Africa. Most of the delegates wore blue shirts, the official dress of French fascism.

Jacques Arthurs, vice-president of the organization, declared in a violent speech that fascism would send its enemies to the scaffold. Other speakers called for a national revolution to oust the fascists to power.

Germany

Another proof of the steady advance of the German Social Democracy is found in the result of the municipal elections of June 13 in Greater Bochum, where the Socialist vote rose, in spite of the fact that only about 55 per cent of the electorate went to the polls, and the number of Socialist aldermen jumped from seven to fourteen. The Communists lost four aldermen, bringing their total down to nine; the Democrats fell from two to none, and the Centrists from eighteen to fifteen. The combined reactionary groups, labeled "Black-White-Red," managed to hold their thirteen aldermen. The Economic Party rose from two to three, and the Crippled Soldiers' Group won a seat.

Canada

The dissolution of the Canadian parliament has confronted the Labor Party of Canada with a campaign and election this year. The Laborites, with platforms and principles much like the British Labor Party, have 85 members in the various provincial legislatures and three members in the last federal parliament. A strong effort will be made to increase the representation in the federal parliament with good prospects of success. J. S. Woodworth, a Labor member of parliament, has sounded the call for farmers and workers to get busy at once and call nominating conventions.

Russia

Signs are not lacking that organized labor has begun to use its power in Russia to bring real democracy in the great state industries.

According to reports from Russia on union activities summarized by the Amsterdam Bureau of the International Federation of Trade Unions, many unionists are trying to free the trade unions from their subordination to the Communist State Power and their position in the Russian economic system. It is sought to make them real representatives of the workers as against the conceptions of State control and the plans of State undertakings. In various speeches delivered by President Tomski this new tone is already to be perceived, and at the congresses of different trades a similar note is sounded.

Mexico

From the complicated and prolonged Mexican voting system reports have come indicating that the "Bloque Socialista"—the Socialist Bloc—is sweeping the country. While all the elements that compose this bloc cannot be said to represent real Socialist or Labor parties, the Socialist and Labor elements have undoubtedly won the election, laying upon the Wall Street imperialists the disagreeable necessity of living next door to a Socialist and Labor ruled republic.

Chile

In the recent election in Chile, South America, the wage earners bloc elected 11 deputies to parliament and two senators. The wage earners bloc included all labor elements from communists to Labor Party supporters. One of the senators elected defeated former President Alessandri in his district. In the former Chilean Chamber of Deputies there were only two representatives of the workers. Labor leaders charge that the workers undoubtedly elected a majority in the recent election, but were counted out.

Poland

Socialist demonstrations and processions held in Poland on Sunday to demand the immediate dissolution of the Diet and the holding of new elections were broken up by the police. At least two of the demonstrators were wounded. Troops were then called out and "restored order."

There was fighting, also, at Lodz and Lemberg.

Algeria (Africa)

The campaign of agitation and organization recently undertaken in Algeria by Mm. Thirrier and Caprera has been a decided success according to reports found in Le Populaire, the official organ of the Socialist Party of France.

Well-attended meetings were held in nearly all the larger towns and the workers displayed much interest in the propaganda. The organizers urge the Permanent Administrative Committee to not neglect the work of agitation in Algeria, as the masses are beginning to fight against oppression by the French authorities and are filled with enthusiasm and idealism that may easily be directed into Socialist channels.

Belgium

The Belgium Socialist members of parliament, who number 71, voted by a considerable majority to give King Albert dictatorial powers in the realms of finance for the purpose of restoring the franc. This power invested in the king is to last six months. It is strictly financial dictatorship by a monarch in preference to financial dictatorship by the banker combine.

Switzerland

Italian imperialism has begun to extend its base of operation into Switzerland through the work of Fascist influences on the Italian speaking inhabitants of the canton of Ticino in southern Switzerland, where the prevailing language is Italian. The Swiss people are divided into three language groups—German, French and Italian. The Fascist organs are attempting to inflame the people of Ticino by pretending that Ticino is being Germanized. The Fascist have also been try-

ing to extend the Italian language at the expense of the French in Oetz, Switzerland.

Great Britain

The passage of the bill by the Tory majority lengthening the workday for the miners from 7 to 8 hours has aroused International Labor. The executive of the Miners' International at a meeting in London following the final passage of the bill unanimously passed a resolution declaring that the attempt of the British government to increase the working hours of the miners is a serious menace to the whole of the colliery industry as well as every other industry, AND AN ATTEMPT, WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD CERTAINLY AFFECT THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR SHORTER HOURS FOR LABOR. It resolved to intensify its efforts to prevent coal from being imported into England, and undertook to render the British coal miners every financial assistance possible.

## Sweet Land of Liberty

(From the New Leader, New York City.)

In sheer intellectual ability and conscientious devotion to his profession Abraham Lefkowitz ranks high as a teacher. He was in line for promotion to First Assistant in the High School of Commerce, but the Board of Superintendents of the Board of Education has refused him this promotion. His ability was not questioned. His political, social and economic views were subjected to an inquisition and because they were not satisfactory to the bureaucrats on the board Lefkowitz was denied the promotion he is entitled to.

Abraham Lefkowitz has been one of the most valuable members of the Teachers' Union and has been untiring in the work of trying to obtain some measure of democracy in our educational system. He has also defended the political gangsters on this score, for they realize that a democratic system of administration has no place for them. Democratic education cannot be reconciled with Tammany, capitalism and clerical politics, so Lefkowitz must be denied what is his due.

Here it is necessary to emphasize a fact that is quietly discussed in every newspaper office. Those who were chiefly responsible for barring Lefkowitz represent that covert clerical-capitalist alliance that has its clanny hands on the public schools. It is an arrogant clique that hates democracy in education while giving lip service to democracy. Its attitude is that the public schools belong to the Republican and Democratic parties with the

big favors going to the clerical Tammany gang.

This is what Lefkowitz faced when he was denied promotion. It is just this sort of thing that has promoted the rise of the Koo Koo in this country. We have fought the latter and must fight the former. Those who denied Lefkowitz his well-earned promotion are inverted Koo Koo. The trade unions of the city owe a duty to Abraham Lefkowitz for his devoted service to them not to let this issue pass without a challenge.

Mrs. Blanche Cothran, a Negro, was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., for seating her child between two white children in a street car. She was charged with violating the "Jim Crow" law.

Judge L. Q. Carr of Detroit, Mich., granted an injunction to William Starkes and his wife, Negroes, to own a home in the Lakewood Boulevard subdivision, but prohibited them from living in it. Restrictions of the subdivision against sale of property to persons "whose ownership would be injurious to the locality" was used by the Judge as ground for barring the Starkes from living in their home.

Some of these days there will come a real jolt to Wall street, and it will then precipitate a panic on the nation, as it has done many times in the past. Business rests on the apex of a pyramid, and but a little jolt is required to make it tumble.

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## Citizens' Training Camps

By Sam Flint

It is always possible and sometimes profitable for big showmen like Otto Finto or the Ringlings to employ trainers of dogs, shetland ponies, elephants, seals, pigs and even, it stands to reason that it would pay the Government of the United States to train a lot of leisurely citizens—in camps—and ground them in a specialty.

I have always resolutely maintained—and I will not now recede from what seems to me to be an impeccable position—that an impartial and exhaustive survey of all established facts pertaining to the matter will go far toward convincing any unprejudiced mind that, in point of intelligence, some people are equal to some animals.

This is taking advance ground I am well aware. But I mean it. Every word of it.

Now if I am right in my main contention, is there any sound reason why our Uncle Samuel should put his long, banching arms around a whole big bunch of young citizens from among our most substantial and able families and rush them to suitable training camps where they could learn a few simple but nevertheless interesting circus tricks such as how to cotton under the beautiful giving rays of the glorious Sun or pitching certain specific bundles in the wheat field?

I would teach them discipline; broaden their outlook on life; cause their eyes to sparkle and put the tint of a bluish in their cheeks. They wouldn't help but throw back their shoulders. I gather that the physical training alone would be worth ten times the small cost. It would make them of them—fine, up-standing, brown long before the course was half over.

At the end of the first semester, if

you chanced to be knocking about town, most likely you would see a group of them standing and swishing their white wings and then taking another drink at the corn cobs trough, in which case you would have to look twice to recognize them as Harry, Clyde, Archie, Chauncey, Bertie, Dickie and so forth.

It wouldn't increase taxes much. Uncle Sam could put them in charge of Army Officers who are paid anyway. Brass bands wouldn't be needed at all. They could be met at the train with a Jewsharp.

And uniforms could be of the simplest. They might consist of uniforms of identical cut and color. Whether they should be khaki or blue denim could be left to the department to decide.

And Jack wouldn't be made dull. For it wouldn't be all work there in the camp. There would be a lot of fun along with the catchy exercises. One good game would be to play Open Shop. That's a rousing sport in which many lasting friendships would be formed. They could even practice scabbard until they could score around a hundred. Comrade could vie with comrade as to who would hose cotton or pitch bundles for the greatest number of hours per day for the least pay. The good old American right to work part of the time and starve part of the time is inalienable or else propaganda has lost its essence.

But I must go. However before parting I turn to the tall figure in perpendicular stripes and say:

"Uncle Sammy, I salute you with a hearty slap over your shoulder blade and urge that you get your tents ready; rustle the overalls, pitchforks and frying pans. And, Uncle, one last word:

There is no time like the present.

Good-bye.

## Combine to Grab People's Ships

(Continued from Page 1)

International foundation for the opinion, freely expressed in Washington, that the ships are sold to the Inter-Board, they will soon cease to be American in anything but memory.

Already the sales committee of the Shipping Board has been ordered to place advertisements for the sale of "one of the government lines—the United States Lines and the American Merchant Line."

The United States lines operate from New York to Plymouth, Southampton, Cherbourg and Bremen. Their fleet includes the Leviathan, one of the two largest ships afloat, and such other vessels as the George Washington, President Roosevelt, etc. The American Merchant line operates 11 ships of moderate tonnage between New York and British ports. These are the only passenger lines left of the government fleet.

**Policy of the President**

From the day he entered the White House, Mr. Coolidge has endeavored to turn the government merchant marine over to private interests, but he has had a hard time persuading members of the Shipping Board to go along with him.

In refusing to reappoint old mem-

bers when their terms expired, the President eventually got control of the board. Now he has a working majority, headed by Chairman O'Connor, but there is also a vigorous minority, made up of Admiral Benson, the famous old sea dog who directed the operations of the American Navy during the war, and Vice-Chairman Plummer.

Apparently the Coolidge policy is to continue government operation on the lines which are losing money, but to sell the ships on those lines which show a comfortable profit.

An illustration of this policy was given on April 6 of this year, when the board sold to the Robert Dollar Co. five vessels, known as the "President ships."

These ships were plying between our northern Pacific ports and Asia—Japan, China and the Philippines—and the line, under public management, was making 30 round trips per year.



## Editor's Note

Russia unavoidably ran into a revolution. That revolution threw into **COMPLETE, AND INDEPENDENT POWER** for the first time in the history of the world the wage-earning class. Some of the political developments since that time have been harsh and tyrannical. Working class Russia has not yet evolved to the liberty and democracy that are essential parts of Socialism, but the industrial developments **HAVE BEEN THE MOST PROFOUND, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, THE MOST PROMISING IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE**, as the following article by Sami Zimand in the New York Times will show.

Owned by the national government and operated by it through subsidiary state organizations are the merchant marine—what there is of it; the railroads, the telegraph, the telephone and the radio, the leading banks, all the basic manufacturing industries—iron and steel, machinery, textiles, practically all of the oil business, most of the mining operations—coal, iron, ore, gold and silver, etc.; prac-

Soviet concessions to the principle of private ownership have been widely featured. But measured in terms of economic importance, and area of operation, private ownership

Hard facts forced Lenin to abandon uncompromising communism early in 1921, when the famous "nep"—new economic policy—was adopted. The growth of private trading dates from then.

Substantial gains made in Russian industrial life are also shown by the output of coal, the 1924 production of

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